and Kalahandi and the districts in Rajasthan are Ajmer, Jodhpur and Jhunjhunun.

An amount of Rs. 198.35 lakh each has been released during 2000-2001 to Rajasthan and Orissa. The funds for 2001-2002 have not been released.

Coverage of the same districts is proposed to be continued during 2001-2002.

(e) Most of the States have provided for reservation of jobs for the persons with disabilities as per the provisions of Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 with some States providing even more than 3% reservation. 5 States have however not made by provision. The actual percentage of jobs reserved for the disabled varies between States.

Juvenile Welfare Officers and Juvenile Justice Cells in the country

3773.SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of police districts having juvenile Welfare Officers and Juvenile Justice Cells in the country;

(b) the steps being taken to have such an officer and a cell in each of the police districts to restrict rape and other crimes against Juveniles; and

(c) by when, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000 would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) The 'Police', being a State subject, setting up of Special Juvenile Police Units and appointing Juvenile or Child Welfare Officer under the Juvenile Justice Act in every Police District are the responsibilities of State Governments. However, the Central Government has requested the State Government to expedite action in this regard. Central Government has also published Model Rules under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 to facilitate the State Governments in their efforts to prepare Rules under the Act.

(c) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 has already come into force with effect form 1st April, 2001. A Notification in this regard was also published in the Gazette of India, extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) dated 28th February, 2001.